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## Governor of Tasmania acknowledges achievements of Young Tasmanians

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His Excellency The Hon. Sir Guy Green, Governor of Tasmania will be formally acknowledging the achievements of young people involved with the Youth Insearch program.

His Excellency will be presenting eight Youth Leaders with their official Youth Insearch Leaders Badge and Certificate of Accreditation during a ceremony at Government House on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1997 commencing at 3:00pm.

**Youth Insearch has been featured on four separate occasions on the Nine Network's '60 Minutes' program and recently on the 7:30 Report.**

The majority of the Youth Leaders have come from disadvantaged backgrounds and have dramatically turned their lives around, now being positive contributors to society.

Youth Insearch conducts weekend camps and follow up Support Groups where a trusting environment is created. Young people feel comfortable to discuss issues of an emotional nature such as drug & alcohol abuse, family breakdown, sexual abuse and grief related issues. They are able to relate and seek positive alternatives to antisocial and destructive behaviour.

“The presentation on Tuesday will be a formal acknowledgment of the success that these young people have achieved” says Ron Barr OAM, Founder of Youth Insearch. “These young people will now conduct Youth Insearch camps assisting literally thousands of young Tasmanians turn around their lives.”

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